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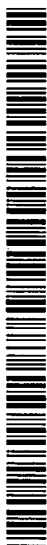


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(54) Title: METHOD OF REPRESSING FLOWERING IN A PLANT

(57) **Abstract:** The isolation and function of a plant *LpTFL1* from *Lolium perenne* (perennial ryegrass) are described, along with generation of transgenic *Arabidopsis*, ryegrass, and red fescue plants. The gene prevents or represses flowering of transgenic plants. Methods for using the gene to repress or prevent flowering are described.